

# TRAIL OF DEATH IN RACE GAMBLING

## Scaffa to Stand New Trial Since Jury Disagreed

Noel C. Scaffa, sleuth extraordinaire, who brought about the return of the \$683,000 in jewelry to Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue, after it was stolen from her Hotel Plaza apartment, must stand trial again, District Attorney Banton said today.

Scaffa, indicted for compounding a felony, succeeded in getting a disagreement from the first jury.

Trial of the case ended yesterday in General Sessions, where the jury deliberated for seven and one-half hours and stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal at the end of that time. The jury went out at 2:40 p.m.

Martin Coubooy, counsel for Scaffa, entered no defense save for his cross-examination of state witnesses and summation. He made a strong plea for dismissal of the charge, but was unsuccessful.

Scaffa paid \$68,000 cash to a mysterious Sam Layton to get the jewels back, according to the story told to the jury. It was charged there must have been an implied agreement of immunity for Layton in order to carry out the deal.

The new trial will be in January.



NOEL C. SCAFFA

## Astrid and Leopold Wed By Catholic Church Rites

BRUSSELS, Nov. 10 (By U. P.)—Prince Leopold of the Belgians and Princess Astrid of Sweden were married again today. Tonight, after a week of wedded life during which they were separated more than they were together, the young lovers will depart on a belated honeymoon.

Today's ceremony was by the Catholic ritual in the old Collegiate Church of St. Michael and Gudula. Last Thursday, in Stockholm, Astrid and Leopold were married by civil ritual and sailed that evening to travel to Belgium separately.

### Princess Wins Belgium

Since their arrival in this country they have lived apart, but with today's ceremony the proprietaries of the Protestant Swedes and the Catholic Belgians were met.

The ceremony was delayed nearly half an hour beyond 11 a.m., the appointed time, by the difficulty experienced by the court major domo in arranging the procession.

Extraordinary brilliance marked the wedding. Bells rang while the ceremony was performed within the church, and outside the massed crowd waited patiently until the glittering swords of the grenadiers flashed upward to form an arch beneath which the future king led his bride to a carriage. The crowd shouted. Hats were tossed high into the air and stranger embraced stranger as the people expressed their frantic joy.

Already the Swedish princess is ruling the hearts of the Belgians,

## Fall and Doheny Plead Not Guilty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Albert B. Fall and E. L. Doheny today pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the Elk Hills naval oil reserve lease.

They were formally bound over for trial by jury in District of Columbia Supreme Court, starting November 27.

The charge against them was the first of the oil scandal criminal cases to reach the stage of personal appearance in court—five years after the \$100,000 little black bag episode.

## 2 Jailed Tellers Reveal Methods of 'Bookie' Wolves

The fangs of Broadway bookmakers were exposed in all their sharpness today by the district attorney's offices.

The wolves of the Rialto were shown literally ripping their victims to death.

One of those victims was cited as C. Russell Morton, 31, of 35 St. Paul's Place, New Rochelle, married, former Dartmouth football star and member of a prominent family.

Morton, held in \$50,000 bail today for pleading to first degree grand larceny indictments Monday with two others, twice has tried suicide because of his gambling, it was revealed.

With him were Clarence Oliver, 29, of 1325 New York Ave., Brooklyn, in the same bail, and Reginald Losee, 26, of Dobbs Ferry, in \$5,000 bail. Both are from well-to-do families.

The men are alleged to have jugged \$45,000 from the accounts of the Bowery Savings Bank, at 110 East 42d St., where all were employed as tellers.

All were arraigned today before Judge Rosalsky.

Morton is the man who tried to dive from the seven-story office of Assistant District Attorney Hastings in the Criminal Courts Building. Those in charge of the case say that he admits that while on a trip in the Maine woods he took poison, but recovered.

### Small Bets First

According to those in charge of the case, no action can be taken against the bookmakers, except to arrest them as common gamblers.

But authorities tell the story of how they dug their fangs deep into Morton, so that others who want to try winning easy money on race horses may be warned in time.

Morton at first made small bets and lost. The bookmakers marked him because he was a bank employee.

He increased his bets, kept losing and tried to change bookmakers. One of the men, when he suggested this, is reported to have told him:

"That's all right—but supposing the bank knew?"

This was literally blackmail.

Finally, so deep in debt did Morton become that he plunged thousands in the hope of getting one win.

He bet, once, more than \$5,000 on a ten to one shot. When he called for his money, he was told:

"We didn't place the bet. The horse didn't look good to us."

Thus he was cheated of a \$50,000 win. He would have broken even. And on two other occasions he tried the same thing, only to be told after the race that his money had not been placed.

After this, he tried suicide.

He couldn't stand the shame, the publicity and the punishment, he said.

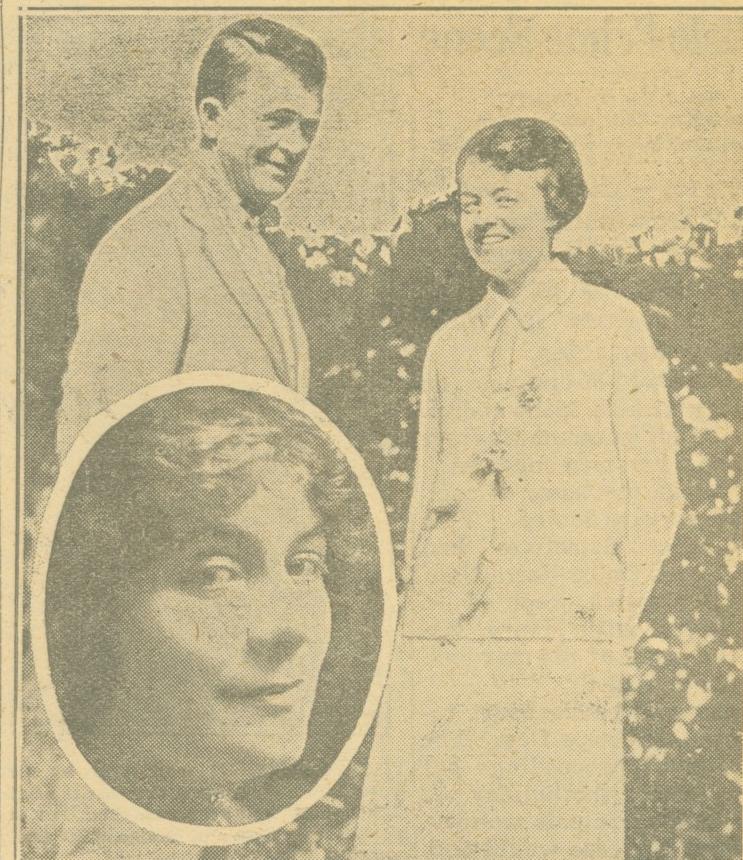
## 2 STEAMERS COLLIDE, ONE DRIVEN ASHORE

BERLIN, Nov. 10 (By U. P.)—The Belgian steamer Marcel rammed the English steamer Laverock in the River Elbe today, the German official wireless announced. The ramming took place during a fog and with such force that the Laverock was driven ashore.

## CARBARN BANDITS LOSE FIGHT FOR NEW TRIAL

BOSTON, Nov. 10 (By U. P.)—The full bench of the Massachusetts Supreme Court today affirmed the Superior Court's decision, denying the three Waltham car-barn bandits a new trial.

## Hubby's Couch in Court To 'Testify' Against Wife



Upon the "testimony" of an inanimate couch which will take the witness stand before Supreme Court Justice Glen-non in the County Court House on Monday will hang the whole case of divorce brought by Mrs. Christine Booth, the former Christine Norman, actress and writer, against her husband, Enos S. Booth, lawyer.

She charges that her husband and Miss Ann Cockle, a real estate agent of New York, occupied a room in her home during her absence, in which the couch was an outstanding piece of furniture.

Booth denies the allegations, and to prove that the charges are ill-founded has had the narrow couch removed to court so it can silently tell its own story.

Honi soit qui mal y pense!

### NAME OHIO DRY CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (By U. P.)—W. H. Walker, assistant prohibition administrator for Ohio and Michigan, today was made administrator, succeeding E. L. Portfield, who died Monday.

## Grill Taylor Maid as Tool Of International Gem Gang

Confident that they are on the trail of a band of international gem thieves, preying on the rich through the co-operation of household servants, police today made repeated efforts to get Margaret McConnachin, the 52-year-old suspect held in connection with the \$250,000 gem theft from the home of Myron C. Taylor, steel magnate, to break her silence.

## Carillon to Play War Airs Tonight

As a prelude to Armistice Day services in churches in this city tomorrow, Percival Price, carillonneur of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, will play music associated with the war, on the Rockefeller carillon, at 7 o'clock tonight.

Among the selections will be one played on the Ypres carillon before it was demolished by shell fire in 1914 and a composition played at St. Quentin in 1924, when the shell-wrecked carillon was replaced.

But the dowdy housemaid who was engaged to work in the Taylor home in East 67th St., only ten days ago declined to say anything, no matter how hard the detectives grilled her.

They quizzed her in regard to a number of other recent gem thefts, but all their inquiries were greeted with the same stereotyped assertion, delivered in a monotonous, mechanical whisper:

"I am innocent. I am innocent."

